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SUBJECT: JUNE 10 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) SAYS THURS NCNA REPORT INDICATES PRC MODERATE LEADERSHIP MAY FINALLY HAVE CLEARED WAY FOR IMPORTANT PARTY/LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCES THIS FALL, INCLUDING RESTORATION TENG HSIAO-PING (SUN).

JOC (HK) SPEC REPORTS EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT BY HK BUSINESS-UNCLASSIFIED

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MAN OF CATAMARAN-TYPE OIL RIG IN PEARL RIVER ESTUARY HAS INCREASED SPECULATION OF PRC OIL FIND IN SOUTHERN COAST CONTINENTAL SHELF.

"TASS" ACCUSED PRC THURS OF ALLYING ITSELF WITH WESTERN ANTI-COMMUNISTS IN ORDER CAUSE US-SOVIET CONFLICT; CHARGED PEKING BELIEVES IT WOULD BECOME WORLD'S LEADING POWER EVENT OF US-SOVIET THERMONUKE WAR (REUTER MOSCOW, 6/9).

UPI REPORTS NEW SINO-SOVIET DUEL: OVER VODKA. CITES CLAIMS

PEKING IS MAKING FOR "GREAT WALL" VODKA IN NY COURT SUIT
WITH SOVIET PRODUCT, "STOLICHNAYA" (BALT NA 6/9).

SUDAN PRES NIMEIRI LEFT PEKING 6/10, REUTER REPORTS,
AFTER 3-DAY STATE VISIT THAT "ESTABLISHED HIS COUNTRY" AS
FIRM CHINESE ALLY/STERN SOVIET CRITIC.

2. INDOCHINA

SRV NATIONALIZES MICHELIN BICYCLE/MOTORCYCLE TIRE FACTORY
AT SAIGON (NYT SPEC PARIS).

SRV ARMY NEWSPAPER REPORTS ARMED RESISTANCE ATTEMPTS/
INSTANCES INVOLVING PEOPLE FLEEING COUNTRY (AFP, GLOBE).

3. INDOCHINA/PHILIPPINES

WIDEMAN (WP), AT PUERTO PRINCESA, REPORTS SRV/PHILS
BECOMING INVOLVED IN POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION
IN SPRATLY ISLANDS. SAYS BOTH REINFORCE GARRISONS ON
NEIGHBORING ISLANDS; DOD DENIES REPORTS US QUIETLY
AIDING PHILS IN BUILDUP. WIDEMAN ADDS THAT HURRIED BUILD-
UP SPURRED BY DISCOVERY OIL W OF PALAWAN ISLAND YR AGO;
DESCRIBES SRV BUILDUP; NOTES MANILA HAS BEGUN 150-MILLION-
DOL BUILDING PROGRAM TO DEFEND CLAIM TO AREA. POINTS OUT
AMOCO DRILLING FOR GOP BETW SPRATLYS/PHILS, WAS WARNED
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BY DOS THAT AREA CONTESTED BY OTHER NATIONS AND IN CASE
DIFFICULTIES COULD NOT EXPECT HELP US MIL.

4. PHILIPPINES

CENTRAL BANK'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIRECTOR TELLS REUTER THAT
GOP IS PLANNING OPEN GOLD EXCHANGE IN MANILA, HE EXPECTS
WILL PLAY MORE PROMINENT PART INTL GOLD MARKET THAN OTHER
FE EXCHANGES IN HK/SINGAPORE. PRES MARCOS THURS DECREED
TOUGH MEASURES TO CURB PRIVATE GOLD HOLDINGS.

NURSE FILIPINA NARCISOS, FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS IN DETROIT
MURDER TRIAL, PLEADS INNOCENCE ON ALL CHARGES (WP, NYT).

5. PHILIPPINES/JAPAN

OWNERS OF JAPANESE TANKER "BRAVERY" HAVE AGREED PAY
440,000 DOLS IN BACK WAGES TO FIL CREWMEN WHO DIVERTED
SHIP TO MANILA LAST MONTH, GOP AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED
THURS (UPI, JOC).

6. JAPAN

MANSFIELD PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO HIROHITO AT IMPERIAL

PALACE 6/10 (REUTER TOKYO).

GROUP ECONOMISTS, COMMISSIONED 2 YRS AGO BY OECD, SUGGESTED 6/9 WEST'S BEST HOPE GETTING BACK TO STEADY ECON GROWTH/ LOW INFLATION LAY IN CAUTIOUS PURSUIT ORTHODOX ECON POLS. GROUP URGED FRG/JAPAN EXPAND ECONOMIES FASTER-- WHICH LIKELY BE WELCOMED BY CARTER ADMIN/OTHER W GOVTS WHO HAVE BEEN URGING SAME COURSE (LEWIS, NYT PARIS).

ANNUAL SALES GROWTH JAPAN'S MAJOR ENTERPRISES IN APRIL- SEPT 1976 PERIOD SLOWED TO 4.69 PCT FROM 6.54 PCT IN PRECEDING PERIOD. MITI SAID FULL RECOVERY FROM 74- UNCLASSIFIED

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75 RECESSION STILL LONG WAY OFF (UPI, JOC).

SYLVANIA-PHILCO/SEVERAL LEADING JAPANESE TV MFRS, IN UNPRECEDENTED ACTION, ASKED ITC DISMISS INVESTIGATION ALLEGEDLY "UNFAIR" JAPANESE TRADE PRACTICES. FIRMS HAVE SIGNED CONSENT ORDER THAT WOULD REQUIRE HITACHI/TOSHIBA/SHARP/SANYO NOT ENGAGE IN "PREDATORY" PRICING/REPORT ANNUALLY OVER 5-YR PERIOD TO ITC ON EXPORT MATTERS. MITSUBISHI REFUSED SIGN AGREEMENT (LAWRENCE, JOC).

TOYOTA RECALLING 142,119 CARS AFTER CARBURETOR DEFECT FOUND. ALL DEFECTIVE CARS SOLD IN JAPAN (NYT).

7. SINGAPORE

LORENZ (JOC SINGAPORE) REPORTS PM LEE'S ADDRESS TO COMMONWEALTH NATIONS IN LONDON REPEATED APPEAL TO CLOSE RICH/POOR GAP. SIMILARLY, TIRADES AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION HEARD BEFORE/STIRRED LITTLE INTEREST AT HOME. INTL OBSERVERS SEE LEE'S APPEAL FOR MORE EQUITABLE WORLD SYSTEM WATERED-DOWN VERSION UN STANDING CALL FOR NEW INTL ECON ORDER. HIS CALL FOR LARGER ASEAN-- ADDING JAPAN/NZ/AUSTRALIA--SEEN AS PROVIDING SINGAPORE W/ADDED POL SECURITY.

8. INDONESIA

AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN OUTLINED NEW PROPOSAL 6/9 AIMED AT RAISING LIVING STD WORLD'S BILLION POOREST PEOPLE. SAID RAPID PROGRESS MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER PAST 20 YRS HAD NOT LED TO INCREASED LIVING STDs FOR POORER HALF THEIR GROWING POPULATIONS. NAMED INDIA/ PAKISTAN/BANGLADESH/BRAZIL/MOST OF AFRICA/INDONESIA (REUTER 6/9).

9. AUSTRALIA

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DEP PM ANTHONY CONFIRMED 6/10 COMMENTS MADE IN NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW LAST MO, THAT CIA COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES WHEN WHITLAM GOVT IN POWER. SAID CIA COULD HAVE CHANNELLED FUNDS TO NATL COUNTRY PARTY BY "LAUNDERING" MONEY THROUGH COMPANIES. COMMENTS CONTAINED NO DIRECT CHARGE AGAINST CIA, BUT MARKED 1ST TIME FRASER GOVT OFFICIAL HAS SPOKEN ABOUT POSSIBILITY CIA ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS (REUTER CANBERRA).

TWO OFFICIAL REPORTS SHOW OVER HALF AUSTRALIA'S 100,000 NATIVE ABORIGINES UNEMPLOYED, WHILE VD/EYE DISEASES DECIMATING THEIR NUMBERS. ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS MIN VINER HAS CALLED FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINES' DIFFICULTIES IN ADAPTING TO COMPETITIVE NATURE WESTERN SOCIETY/ANNOUNCED NATL CAMPAIGN PERSUADE EMPLOYERS TRADE/HIRE THEM (REUTER'S WILLIAMS, CANBERRA).

10. THAILAND

RTG REPORTS 11 GOVT TROOPS/POLICE/OFFICIALS KILLED IN 12 CLASHES IN 8 PROVS W/COMMUNIST INSURGENTS LAST WK; ADD 5 INSURGENTS KILLED (AP, NYDN).

11. KOREA

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALL FOR APPOINTMENT WATERGATE-STYLE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE KOREAN SCANDAL ON HILL; WH REJECTS IDEA, IMPLIES POL MOTIVATION (AP SUN, PHINQ; NYDN). BABCOCK (WP) REPORTS SEN BAKER (R-TENN) TOLD PRESS CONF THAT "FAIRNESS AND EQUITY" DEMAND SK INFLUENCE-BUYING CHARGES BE PURSUED. ADDS BAKER CAREFUL NOT SUGGEST SK SCANDAL WAS DEM WATERGATE. NOTES REP RHODES (R-ARIZ) AGREED W/BAKER'S SUGGESTION. COMMENTS BOTH VAGUE IN EXPLAINING WHY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR NEEDED. QUOTES WH'S JODY POWELL THAT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR UNNECESSARY SINCE DOJ PURSUING MATTER VIGOROUSLY. MENTIONS THAT HOUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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ETHICS CMTE CALLED EMERGENCY MTG TO DISCUSS HOW TIGHTEN CONTROL SENSITIVE INFO IN WAKE WP STORY THAT CMTE HAD VOTED TN EXEC SESSION TO SUBPOENA 4 OFFICIALS; CONCERN EXPRESSED SINCE CMTE NEGOTIATING W/CIA/NSA FOR DELIVERY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

HALLORAN (NYT) REPORTS BAKER/RHODES MOVE. POINTS OUT SK TARGET DURING INFLUENCE-PEDDLING OPN APPEARS HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY DEMS THO IS EVIDENCE NIXON ADMIN/SOME REPUBLICANS INVOLVED. MENTIONS DOJ/HOUSE ETHICS CMTE/SENATE INTELL CMTE INVESTIGATING KOREAN MATTER, WHILE OTHER ASPECTS UNDER SCRUTINY BY HOUSE SUBCMTE ON INTL ORGANIZA-

TIONS/SEC/FRB. RE SUBPOENAS AUTHORIZED FOR EAGLEBURGER/
SCOWCROFT/HYLAND/MOODY, HALLORAN SAYS BELIEVED CONNECTED
W/NSA COLLECTION INTELL BY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE THAT
ETHICS CMTE COUNSEL THINKS "EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. INDOCHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 6/9) SEES INDICATIONS SRV LEADERS DIVIDED
ON WHETHER CONTINUE INSIST ON US AID, OR ACCEPT US OFFER
ESTABLISH DIPL RELS W/O AID. THINKS POSSIBILITY
INDECISION SEEMS LIE BEHIND FAILURE SRV DELEGATION AT
PARIS LAST WK TO REACT TO OFFER MADE MO AGO OPEN EMBS/
START TRADE. STATES ASIDE FROM MIA INFO PROVIDED BY
HANOI, LITTLE HAPPENED AT JUN 2-3 PARIS MTG; EACH SIDE
RESTATE POSITION W/O SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM INITIAL
MTG. QUOTES OFFICIAL THAT DELAY BEFORE NEXT MTG "PERHAPS
UNTIL THE AUTUMN" MIGHT BE GOOD, SINCE COULD QUIET DOWN
CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN THAT ADMIN MIGHT TRY SWEETEN RELS
W/AID/COULD GIVE HANOI TIME CLARIFY ATTITUDE ON WHAT
EXPECTS ACHIEVE IN TALKS.

13. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
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KAMM (NYT), IN JAPAN, TALKS TO FORMER-POLITICIAN NGUYEN
CONG HOAN. NOTES GOJ/UNHCR WARNED NEWS CONFERENCE HOAN
HOPED HAVE WAS "COUNTER TO WHAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
EXPECTED FROM THEM." SAYS MEN WHO FLED SRV EXPECTED MORE
FREEDOM/GREATER INTEREST IN OUTSIDE WORLD. MENTIONS
HOAN'S DISAPPOINTMENT OVER APPARENT LACK INTEREST ON PART
US OFFICIALS.

14. KOREA

SAAR (WP), IN SK, VISITS OSAN AFB, DESCRIBES TRAINING
BY PILOTS/STATE READINESS FIGHT NK. NOTES BOTH SIDES
TRAIN/WAIT/WATCH.

15. JAPAN

YOST ITEM (CSM), COMMENTING ON US TRADITION GRANTING
MANY AMBASSADORSHIPS TO NON-CAREER OFFICERS, MENTIONS
THAT SOME POL APPOINTMENTS FULLY JUSTIFIED. STATES
MANSFIELD "AS EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED" AS
ANY CAREER OFFICER.

16. CHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) CITES INCREASED PRC DIPLO ACTIVITY,
WITH MAJOR INCREASE IN TRIPS ABROAD BY CHINESE OFFICIALS,

VISITS TO PEKING BY FORN LEADERS; SEES THIS SUGGESTING
NEW LEADERSHIP DEVOTING MORE TIME TO FON AFFAIRS. NOTES
PEKING'S CONTINUED ANTIPATHY TOWARD SOVIET MOST CLEARLY
MARKED IN THIS WEEK'S PEKING VISIT BY SUDAN PRES; AT
SAME TIME, GEN GIAP'S VISIT SEEMED INDICATE AT LEAST
SOME SMALL IMPROVEMENT, OR ATTEMPTED IMPROVEMENT, IN
PRC/SRV RELS. VANCE

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